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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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TITLE: SUBSTITUTED FURANS AND FURANONES

FOR THE TREATMENT OF INFLAMMATION

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 5, 1996, rejecting Claims 47-62 of the above-identified application, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections are respectfully requested. Applicants amend the subject application as follows:

Cancel Claims 47-48, 50, 52-56, 58 and 60-62, without prejudice.

Amend Claims 49, 51, 57 and 59, as follows:

Claim 49. (Amended) A compound of a formula selected from

> \mathbb{R}^2 \mathbb{R}^3

wherein X is hydroxyl; wherein R² is aryl optionally